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JOINT STATE/TREASURY

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS DELAY IN ANSWERING REFTELS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRIDERICH FEELS AWKWARD ABOUT HIS LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATION OF SEVERAL PREVIOUS VISITS HERE AND WOULD THEREFORE PREFER TO BASE TRIP ON FORMAL INVITATION. WE WOULD GREATLY WELCOME HIS VISIT AND AGREE FULLY WITH EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF HIS PRESENT AND POTENTIAL ROLE AND OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING A CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH

HIM.

2. TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON HAS AGREED TO EXTEND INVITATION TO FRIDERICH'S AND ACT AS OFFICIAL HOST FOR VISIT. PROGRAM TO INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE CABINET OFFICERS AND TOP OFFICIALS IN WHITE HOUSE, FEDERAL RESERVE AND DEPARTMENTS OF TREASURY, COMMERCE AND STATE. SECRETARY

OF STATE HAS EXPRESSED PERSONAL INTEREST IN FRIDERICH'S VISIT AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET HIM IN WASHINGTON IF SCHEDULE PERMITS.

3. DATES SUGGESTED REF (A) MAY POSE SOME SCHEDULING PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF LATE MAY COMMITMENTS REQUIRING SECRETARY'S ABSENCE FROM WASHINGTON AND THE SCHEEL STATE VISIT FOR WHICH DATES ARE NOT YET FIRM.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY TO CONVEY TO ECONOMICS MINISTRY AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL SECRETARY SIMON'S INVITATION TO MINISTER FRIDERICH'S TO VISIT WASHINGTON JUNE 1975 AND SUGGEST THAT WE WORK OUT PRECISE DATES AND PROGRAM AS SCHEDULES OF PRINCIPAL US DISCUSSION PARTNERS ARE FIRMED UP. FYI: THIRD WEEK OF JUNE APPEARS MOST FEASIBLE AT THIS POINT AND SECRETARY SIMON'S OFFICE IS BLOCKING TIME DURING THIS PERIOD. INGERSOLL

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